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have to ask for suspension of the rules.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, I am not asking to have more than three legislative days. Understand that. Very technical. All I am asking is that I have the three legislative days and the only way I can get that is by delaying somebody hand caring or hauling the bill to the Governor's office to be signed. Because if that occurs, then the discussion becomes ridiculous on whether we should reconsider our actions. So as I say, all I'm requesting from you is that we wait until today or tomorrow or whenever you're willing to take up the other motion.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Cavanaugh is next to speak.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I oppose the delay of the bill and Senator DeCamp's motion or whatever it is. Senator DeCamp has become one of the most artful obstructionists in the Body and while I enjoy his machinations as an art form, I don't think he has anything to add to the debate that was given on this bill and we should just let it go.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, the motion is to delay the movement of LB972.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, may I suggest to Senator DeCamp, he's in somewhat in favor with the front office, he's very persuasive. The Governor's interested in saving money. That he goes with the bill. And attempts to persuade the Governor to veto it. That's a simple thing to do. That's the honorable thing to do. You come here five minutes before midnight trying by a devious method in order to do something that you know that you can't get done anyway. Now, why don't we allow him to carry the bill over to the Governor? Be sure it gets there in safe hands and let him have a conference with the Governor and see if he won't veto it. That's a simple thing to do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I, too, would oppose the motion. I would oppose any motion of this bill. Think it ought to go to the Governor's office. I think it's a good bill. It would seem to me we have 48 people present, if we want a reconsideration, why doesn't he take up that motion at this time and see where his horses are?

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, back to you. Wait a minute, Senator Chambers, did you want to be heard on this issue? You're going to pass or hold? All right. Senator DeCamp. Do you care to respond?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'm not adverse to taking up the motion today. This isn't a machination or whatever those big words that only Senator Cavanaugh can use. I'm not trying to cause anything at all. I think this may be the most dangerous bill that we're going to pass, at least since I've been here, and I apologize for not being here yesterday. I received word from a doctor that my father was in extremely critical condition in an Omaha hospital. I went over then and was with my father yesterday. And....I think it's too important a bill for me not to do everything I can to try to stop it.